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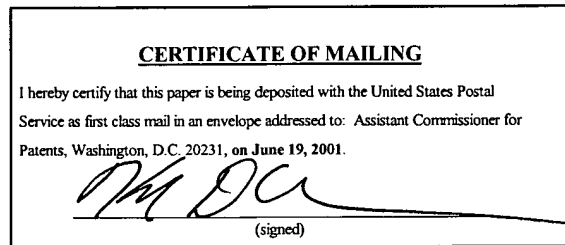
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ANINDYA CHAKRABORTY  
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR A  
COMBINED BULK AND TRANSACTIONAL  
DATABASE SYNCHRONOUS SCHEME



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Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendment.

In the Abstract:

Replace page 22 (the entire Abstract) of the original filed patent application with the following Abstract: